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ARBITRATORS AND MEDIATORS

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AIFLAM's complaints process updated

I am very pleased to advise that the complaints process provided by AIFLAM to our members has recently been updated and approved by the Attorney-General's Department. Our complaints process now extends to all of our members who are also FDR practitioners.

My understanding from recent conversations with various family lawyers is that many FDR practitioners are not aligned with an RMAB such as ours and so are not covered by any approved complaints process. As the AG's Department is currently undertaking an audit of all FDRP's, please make sure you update our records and also tell any of your FDR friends and colleagues that they can comply by joining AIFLAM.

The updated complaints process also applies to our Arbitrator and Mediator members.

A copy of the updated Rules is available [here](#).

Mediation and Arbitration course update

A reminder that the following courses are open for registration:

Arbitration Training Course – 30 April to 1 May 2021 – this will be an online format, for those family lawyers keen to secure registration as a Regulation 67B arbitrator.

This course will also run as a face to face event on 10 & 11 September 2021 just prior to the Family Law Section National Family Law Conference in Adelaide.

Over the course of the program, participants will learn the essentials of arbitration for family law matters - what it is and is not, the rules and statutory basis of Family Law Arbitration and how it fits into the family law dispute resolution system.

Successful completion of the course will entitle attendees to be listed as a Family Law Arbitrator pursuant to Regulation 67B of the Family Law Regulations.

Please note there are pre-requisites for registration for this course.

For full details and to register for either course please click [here](#).

NMAS Mediation Training Course – 23 to 25 June and 29 to 30 June 2021

Due to the ongoing uncertainty regarding interstate travel this course will now run in an online format, on dates away from the June long weekend.

To assist participants in juggling the demands of work and study, this course will run for 5 days, but over 2 weeks – Wednesday 23 June to Friday 25 June, and Tuesday 29 June to Wednesday 30 June.

Successful completion of the course will enable participants to apply for accreditation as AIFLAM NMAS Accredited Mediators.

For full details, and to register please click [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the courses, or difficulty with registration, please contact AIFLAM at mail@aiflam.org.au

Collaboration with state bodies

AIFLAM continues to work closely with state-based family law bodies to support professional development.

In the coming months we are working with both the Law Institute of Victoria and the Family Law Practitioners' Association in WA to present a workshop "Navigating your clients through a family law arbitration: a guide for solicitors and counsel".

Similar collaborations are planned for other states later this year.

Upcoming AIFLAM Women in Dispute Resolution Webinar Series

We are working hard to put together our webinar series to celebrate and recognise Women in ADR.

The webinars will be a series of interviews with leading women involved in family law dispute resolution conducted by AIFLAM Board member Claire Naidu and other women board members.

Keep an eye out in your inbox for more information on the webinar series.

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Kind regards



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